

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Virginia Emergency Operations Center
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**Spot Report # 3
Gustav and Hanna
2 September 2008 0700 Hours**

New Information in Bold

Summary:

Hurricane Gustav made landfall around 1000 hours, 1 September, on the Gulf Coast region of Louisiana as a Category 2 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale with maximum sustained winds of 110 MPH. Gustav has weakened to a Tropical Depression as of 0500 hours 2 September and continues to weaken over Louisiana while impacting areas with heavy rains and maximum sustained winds near 45 MPH. VA Governor Timothy M. Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact on Friday, 29 August, directing state agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav.

Tropical Storm Hanna was upgraded to Hurricane Hanna at 1330 hrs 1 September becoming the fourth hurricane of the season. As of 0500 hrs 2 September, the center of Hurricane Hanna was located about 35 miles east-northeast of Great Inagua Island and about 395 miles southeast of Nassau. Hanna is drifting toward the west at about 2 MPH and slow, erratic movement and some strengthening is possible during the next 24 hours with a gradual northwestward motion expected to begin on 3 September. Maximum sustained winds are near 80 MPH with higher gusts and Hanna is a Category 1 hurricane. Hurricane force winds extend out to 35 miles, tropical storm force winds extend out 175 miles. The 0500 National Hurricane Center 5 Day Track Forecast shows Hanna impacting the east coast of South Carolina near Charleston sometime Friday afternoon/evening.

VDEM / VEOC:

- The VEOC is **at Response Operations with limited augmented staff**
- VEOC participating and monitoring DHS and FEMA conference calls outlining the current and future Federal plans in response to these storms
- The VEOC is responding to Emergency Management Assistance Compact requests from states in the Gulf Region
 - **In consideration of the possible impact from Hanna, EMAC missions will ensure resources likely required in Virginia will not be committed elsewhere**
- VEOC is monitoring NHC advisories on Gustav, Hanna **and Tropical Storm Ike and newly formed Tropical Depression #10**
- Event created in WebEOC titled "2008 09 Hurricane Gustav"

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Virginia EMAC Missions Deployed:

- 30 person VA DGIF Law Enforcement Taskforce deployed to Louisiana on 31 August with expected return of 10 September
- 9 person Roanoke City Incident Management Team deployed on 1 September to support Parish EOC's in Louisiana
- 15 person Fairfax County Incident Management Team deployed on 1 September to support Parish EOC's in Louisiana
- 9 personnel from VA National Guard deployed on 1 September to Camp Beauregard to support Planning Operations

Virginia EMAC Missions Pending:

- Louisiana request for Sheriff's Deputies; Shenandoah County cost estimates submitted to Louisiana for consideration

Virginia EMAC Missions Completed:

- Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana

Virginia EMAC Missions Cancelled:

- 20 person Virginia State Police Taskforce to Slidell Louisiana

Federal Missions (Direct Deployment):

- Virginia Taskforce 1, Fairfax County, and Virginia Taskforce 2, VA Beach, Urban Search and Rescue Teams (USAR) deployed to Houston Texas and Atlanta Georgia to support operations
- 23 private industry ambulance units (4 Basic Life Support and 23 Advance Life Support) with personnel deployed under Federal Ambulance Contract

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